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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: GWOT SECRET PRISONS

SUMMARY

1. ONE KUWAITI ARABIC-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER REPORTED
ALLEGATIONS OF THE EXISTENCE OF CIA DETENTION FACILITIES ON
EUROPEAN SOIL. END SUMMARY.

SELECTED HEADLINES

2. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2005

-- AL-RAI AL-AAM, P. 33, "DID ROMANIA GET PAID FOR THE
AMERICAN DETENTION CAMPS?"

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3. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2005

-- MODERATE PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT KUWAIT UNIVERSITY DR. IBRAHIM AL-HADBAN WROTE FOR MODERATE AL-RAI AL-AAM UNDER THE TITLE "DID ROMANIA GET PAID FOR THE AMERICAN DETENTION CAMPS?" "THE UNITED STATES SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH ROMANIA LAST TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 ALLOWING THE AMERICAN ARMY TO USE ROMANIAN MILITARY BASES AND CAMPS. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT EMANATES FROM ITS TIMING AS IT COMES AT A PERIOD WHEN HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS ARE ACCUSING THE CIA OF USING MILITARY BASES IN ROMANIA AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS DETENTION AND TORTURE CAMPS FOR ARABS AND MUSLIMS SUSPECTED OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS AND UNTIL TODAY. ROMANIA IS THE COUNTRY THAT JOINED NATO IN 2003 WITH AMERICAN SUPPORT AND AIMS TO JOIN THE EUROPEAN UNION IN 2007. IT NOW HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY TO ALLOW THEM TO USE ITS MILITARY BASES AND THE QUESTION STILL REMAINS, WAS THIS AGREEMENT THE PRICE OF ITS SILENCE ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF 'BLACK SITES' ON ITS SOIL? THE COMING DAYS WILL TELL."

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